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# Bruces Eddy Dam Called "Most Urgently" Needed

OROFINO, Idaho, July 22. (AP)—"The most urgently needed project in the Northwest, if not the United States," is the Bruces Eddy dam, Maj. Gen. E. C. Itschner, chief engineer of the United States corps of engineers, said here today.

"It is only a matter of time until we get Bruce Eddy constructed," said the engineers' chief, "and it will be constructed to benefit the entire area, greatly."

He made the statement during an inspection tour of the dam-site on the north fork of the Clearwater river.

The general said: "I have stressed before congress that there is no truth in the harmful effects to wildlife and fish which might be derived from construction of Burces Eddy. Opponents of the projects are not fair or they are completely ignorant."

## Top Priority Status

He said the project would cost around \$130,000,000 and is on top priority status because of its flood control potential and its value to downstream power works.

Itschner told his new district engineer at Walla Walla, Col. Paul H. Symbol, and division engineer, Col. Allan Clark, Portland, to make preliminary plans for work on design and actual testing at the site. He said \$500,000 has been authorized for the project in the senate civil works appropriation bill but it now faces a joint committee in congress.

The general and his party left for Pasco this afternoon to inspect Ice Harbor dam construction on the lower Snake river. They were entertained at Walla Walla today and will leave there tomorrow for an inspection trip to the site of the proposed John Day dam on the Columbia river.